

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

If they run an anti-Kerry "documentary," will they run the pro-Kerry movie on his Vietnam experience?

Until the media market becomes way broader than it presently is, and way more diverse, Sinclair's action calls for a boycott against both the stations and it's advertisers.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, yet presents only one side -- the extreme right-wing side.

When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.